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Dear Colleague:

This letter will conclude the Avian Flu Essentials series. Over the past few weeks, these letters have presented background information on avian flu as well as the issues surrounding this global health threat, treatments, outbreak control, and preparedness. Listed below are additional resources that can be useful to obtain future updates on avian flu:

General Information

- United States - www.pandemicflu.gov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/
- World Health Organization - http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/

Text

- John M. Barry [The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History](#)

Preparedness

- National Pandemic Influenza Plan - www.hhs.gov/pandemicflu/plan/
- For Businesses and Families, US Department of Homeland Security - www.ready.gov
- For Children - www.fema.gov/kids/

Reports

- Congressional Budget Office "A Potential Influenza Pandemic: Possible Macroeconomic Effects and Policy Issues" - www.cbo.gov
- Center for Strategic and International Studies, especially quarantines "Model Operational Guidelines for Disease Exposure Control" - www.csis.org/hs/
- Griffin Securities "Avian Flu Industry Research Report" - www.griffinsecurities.com

As we move forward to deal with a potential pandemic, we must focus on unifying our federal response with state and local governments. Furthermore, the general public deserves proper guidance in the form of enhanced communication efforts and educational outreach. If you have other questions on avian flu, please contact my office and we will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Burgess', is written over the 'Sincerely,' text.

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